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1. The biggest problem currently facing the VVMAS (the Associations of People's Owned Machine-Lending Stations), and one which applies to the whole of the DDR, is the constant breaking down of tractors through the failure of the fuel pumps. At the end of September 1951 the numbers of tractors standing idle as a result of the faulty fuel pumps were as follows:

1,000 tractors in Mecklenburg 900 " " Brandenburg 42 " " Sachsen

Total

The delivery of spares has not kept up with the need for replacement caused by the shorter life or total failure of the present pumps.

2. At a conference held in Chemnitz on 25 July 1951 among representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, HA.V (Main Department V), the DHZ (German Central Trading Agency) for Agricultural Machinery and the DHZ for Machine and Vehicle Construction on the planning of spare parts for fuel pumps, it was stated that planning would be based on the assumption that, by the end of 1951, the numbers of tractors in use in all Laender of the DDR would be the following:

2,000 Brockenhexe with L'Orange pumps.
800 Aktivist tractors with L'Orange pumps.
2,000 " " Eisendehl pumps.
450 " " Bosch "
7,000 Pionier " " IFA-pumps.

Other difficulties affecting the VVMAS in all Leender were the constant breakdowns in the currently produced binding machines and the failure to deliver sufficient diesel fuel to tractor stations.

3. At a meeting held in the Ministry of Agriculture on 12 September 1951, a new contract system between the VV MAS and the farmers was formulated. In the future, the farmer will contract with his MAS to meet his obligatory production quota by a specified date. If the farmer fails to fulfill his quota, he is liable to pay compensation. Should the MAS fail to

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complete the job in the required time then it is liable to compensate the farmer. By this means it is hoped to raise the amount of work performed by the VV MAS in the DDR from 20% of the present total to 50%.

At a meeting held at the Ministerium filr Industrie on 28 September, an order was promulaged that, without exception, all branches of industry not working on reparations, would, if necessary, have to suffer daily power cuts. All concerns involved in reparation work were to work 3 shifts and suffer no power cutssiance the SCC had ordered that deliveries for the fourth quarter of 1951 were to be completed by the end of October. The effect of this on the VV MAS is considerable and interministerial complaints have been made, since this effects the electrically driven threshing machines.

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